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1. Laborers who were formerly employed to recondition the Paiss Airfield are now being used to construct a highway from Paiss (106-34, 23-55) via Luch'eng (106-05, 24-26) to Tsehung (105-55, 25-00). The existing road was poorly built. In early April the Kwangsi Provincial Highway Bureau was ordered to recondition this road, which can be extended through Shatzuling (105-06, 25-47) to connect with the Kweichow-Hunan highway. The Kwangsi Military District has been ordered to assist the Highway Administration in this task. The highway in Kwangsi is scheduled for completion by the end of July.
2. The Chinese Communists have been studying measures to build military highways because they fear that railways will be immediately interdicted by aerial attacks in the event of another world war. Various committees have been sent to different localities in Hunan to make on-the-spot surveys. Overall plans on the basis of these surveys will be prepared in a month.
3. There is a new highway, 253 kilometers in length, from Chian (115-00, 27-06) via Nanfeng (116-23, 27-12) to Lich'uan (116-50, 27-50). This highway will shorten the old Kiangsi-Fukien highway between Chiehhuaiung (113-56, 27-08) - Anfu (111-43, 27-16) - Chian - Tung'eng (115-23, 27-18) - Linchuan (116-16, 23-00) - Nanch'eng (116-35, 27-33) - Lich'uan - Kuangtse (117-23, 27-31).

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